

*true religion are education and freedom among all classes of the community.*

Though an ignorant man and a slave may exercise pious feelings, he can neither defend Christianity against sceptical objections, nor accurately expound its doctrines, nor guard its spirit against the frosts of formalism or the wildfire of fanaticism. When the metaphysician by subtle arguments attempts to show that the external world has no existence, and consequently no argument can thence be deduced for the being of a God; when the phrenologist makes virtue and vice dependent rather upon cranial conformation than upon moral causes; when the physiologist maintains that mental phenomena are a mere function of the brain, and that organic beings, as well as all natural operations, may be the result of law, without a Deity; when the astronomer demonstrates that the earth is not fixed, nor does the sun literally rise and set, as it was formerly supposed the Bible taught; when the geologist describes a preadamite earth of indefinite duration, and the chemist declares that the world has already been burned, and therefore can undergo no future conflagration; and when the philologist throws doubts over the obvious meaning of Scripture, and converts its plainest truths into enigmas; and when baptized philosophy makes divine and poetic inspiration synonymous, — O, what but ripe learning can harmonize all these apparently discordant elements, and vindicate and enunciate the pure truths of the Bible? And what but general intelligence can secure the mass of the community, amid such angry waves, from making shipwreck of the faith?

5. *The subject shows us when it may be safe and expedient to unite church and state.*

Let no one be startled when we maintain that church and state should be united at the proper time. The only difficulty